

IMPORTANT FROM NEW-ORLEANS

Arrival of the Steamship Matanzas.

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT AT PORT HUDSON.

Brig.-Gen. Halbert E. Paine Badly Wounded

COL. L. D. H. CURRIE SEVERELY INJURED.

Disastrous Charge on the Enemy's Works.

TWO REGIMENTSTAKEN PRISONERS

Suicide of Lieut.-Commander John E.

Hart of the Albatross.

The steamship Matanzas, Capt. Leesburg, from New-Orleans and Key West, arrived on Saturday, with cotton and passengers to U. S. Quartermaster. She left New-Orleans on the evening of the 17th at 9 o'clock, crossed the bar at 7 a.m. on the 18th, touched at Key West the 21st, to land prisoners. She has 40 cabin passengers and 220 sick and discharged soldiers; left at Key West steamer Magnolia (flag-ship), Huntville, Octarora, Hendrick Hudson, Junius, Exact and bark Gem of the Sea.

The following deaths occurred on the voyage:

June 24—John R. Rogers, Corp., F. 10th N. Y.
John C. Ward, Corp., F. 10th N. Y.
June 25—George E. Grover 15th N. Y. Artillery.
June 26—Mervilla C. Grindall, Maine Vols.
June 27—John L. Duncan Co. H., 1st Mass.
June 24—Abner Nelson Co. H., 1st Mass.

We are indebted to Mr. E. P. Post, Purser of the George Cromwell, for prompt delivery of our dispatches.

Another Desperate Engagement at Port Hudson.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, June 18, 1863.

We have had another desperate engagement—although not a general one—at Port Hudson. Every fact in relation thereto is contraband. The first intimation of the contest was received on Tuesday morning by the arrival of the steamer Ibererville from Baton Rouge with 130 wounded. From disabled participants in the action I have gleaned a few notes.

The attack was to have been simultaneously made by the entire corps before daybreak on Sunday, but was frustrated in some manner. Shortly after dawn, however, the division of Gen. Weitzel commenced their movements. The 12th Connecticut, as skirmishers, advanced to a point within ten rods of the batteries. Another regiment immediately followed with hand grenades, and the 24th Connecticut came up with large bags of cotton. The Rebels were driven out of their rifle pits and compelled to retreat to their works.

The 8th Vermont, the 75th, 114th, and 160th New-York next advanced, and a rapid exchange of musket-balls continued for an hour, when our forces fell back under cover. Lieut. S. F. Spalding of the 8th Vermont was killed, Col. Smith of the 114th New-York, badly wounded, and Orderly Sergeant John Bisbee of the 8th Vermont, slightly injured.

These are all the details of the affair I can give you at present. Of what transpired in other parts of the field I am profoundly ignorant. No correspondence is allowed to leave the field without the permission of the commanding General, and anything connected with an action is enveloped in the deepest obscurity.

Brig.-Gen. H. E. Paine, while gallantly rallying his men, was very seriously wounded. He lay upon the ground near the Rebel breastworks for twelve hours. While lying there, his Assistant Adjutant General offered to any one who would carry him a drink of water, \$2,000. A brave fellow undertook the task, and succeeded in cooling the parched lips of the hero chieftain, and doubtless saving his life, but death was his own reward. He was riddled with Rebel bullets.

Col. L. D. H. Currie of the 133d New-York was seriously wounded. He is with his family in the city. He informed me that 1st-Lieut. Benjamin Denton of his regiment, who was conspicuous for bravery upon the occasion, was killed. It is feared that his body will not be recovered. He was formerly a sergeant of police in the Third Precinct.

Lieut. Commander John E. Hart of the gunboat Albatross, now stationed at Bayou Sara, shot himself in the head with a revolver on the 11th inst., while suffering deeply with fever. He was interred in the churchyard at St. Francisville.

C. A. LATER.—NEW-ORLEANS, June 18, 1863.

The following was received from Gen. Banks's headquarters in this city this evening:

Yesterday Gen. Banks issued an order calling for one thousand volunteers to make a final charge on the works of the enemy at Port Hudson. The 4th Wisconsin and 6th Michigan volunteered, were repulsed, and afterward taken prisoners—all or nearly all.

C. A.

Depredations of Guerrillas—Four Steamers Burned—Government Plantations Ravaged—Port Hudson—List of Killed and Wounded.

From Our Special Correspondent.

NEW-ORLEANS, June 21, 1863.

There is very little of interest that I can send you this morning. The guerrillas are becoming quite troublesome along the Mississippi, between New-Orleans and Baton Rouge.

At 6 a.m. on Thursday, a force of 2,500 of the Rebel service, under Gen. Phillips, marched into the Parish of Plaquemine and proceeding to the mouth of the Bayou Plaquemine, burned the tow-boats Anglo-American, Capt. Coles, and the steamers L. A. Sykes, Southern Merchant, and L. A. Segur. The officers and crews were paroled and sent hither by the steamer Lafourche. A squad of about thirty sick soldiers were also captured. The 47th Massachusetts and a detachment of the 26th Massachusetts were last evening dispatched to Plaquemine, and ample preparations will doubtless be made at once to drive the enemy from his position.

Lieut. Geo. H. Hanks, General Superintendent of negro labor, yesterday received telegraphic advice from several managers of Government plantations under his charge, stating that they had been driven from their posts by guerrillas. Lieut. Hanks at once, asked instructions from Gen. Banks, who gave orders to use every means to protect the plantations. The Lieutenant left for Donaldsonville last evening with a small force of soldiers, and a miscellaneous assortment of weapons for the negroes. He feels confident that he can secure the crops from future raids.

We are awaiting the results of the siege of Port Hudson with an all-absorbing anxiety. It is the only subject of conversation among all, and the sole topic of interest to loyal men.

I enclosed I send you a list of the inmates of the St. Louis Hospital, in charge of Surgeon Francis Bacon. It having been but recently occupied, this list comprises nearly the entire number of those injured in the recent actions at Port Hudson. I copied it from yesterday's Morning's report, for which courtesy I am indebted to Assistant Surgeon George M. Sternberg, Medical Director, under whose able and efficient management our gallant wounded will receive the kindest attention.

C. A.

LIST OF WOUNDED.

S. J. Grant, C. 28 Mo. Corp. C. R. Stickney B. 2 N.H. Corp. W. H. Harris, B. 2 N.H.

T. S. Ford, C. 28 Mo.

Corp. W. H. Hart, B. 2 N.H.

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